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Dear Sir/Madam:

We regret to inform you that your request for refund dated 1/3/02 in the amount of \$ 290.00 covering a fee for application/patent # 09/818272 cannot be authorized. Please refer to the box checked below for more information.

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( ) Other: *The missing parts letter informed you of the fees that was needed. \$355. filing fee, \$81.00 for 9 claims over 20 and \$80.00 for 2 extra independent claims and \$65.00 for late filing.*

Sincerely,

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